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Daily, Accommodation and Mail-Stage Line!
COLUMBUS, Miss., via. Pickensville, Bridgeville, Clinton, Etowah, Greensboro, Marion, Selma and Benton, to Montgomery, Alabama.

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This Line connects at Aberdeen with Barney Lane's Line to Holly Springs and Memphis, and at Tusculum with Carter & Hough's Line to Columbia, Nashville and Louisville.

Through Tickets to: Charleston, Camden, and Columbia, South Carolina; Pontotoc and Holly Springs, Mississippi; Nashville, Tenn.

J. F. BROWN, Agent, Office at the Columbus Hotel, Columbus, Miss., January 1, 1853. 50x

Loaf Bread and Cake Bakery. The subscriber takes this opportunity to inform the citizens of Columbus and vicinity, that he has commenced the Baking business in all its various branches, on Market street, one door north of Haden & Read's store—that having been regularly bred to the profession, he will be enabled to furnish everything in his line, of good quality, "FOR CASH ONLY," and hopes for a share of public favor.

J. P. KRECKER. 40x

JOHN MCINTYRE & CO., Auction and Commission Merchants, Market Street, Columbus, Miss.

REFER to Messrs. Dearing & Sink, Rev. Basil Manley, G. T. Hopkins, William Bailey, Joseph Turner, Maxwell & Co., Tusculum; James Chiles, Gainesville; McQuinn & Fountain, John O. Gorman, Dr. W. K. Parker, Morrisville & Co., Mobile; H. K. T. Johnston, Pickensville, Ala.; James Jones, Franklin & Co., New Orleans; Rev. L. J. Schaefer, Taylor & McCarthy, John Stringer, Columbus, Miss. Oct. 1853, 37x

INS on New York, Orleans, Mobile, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, and Richmond, Va. Purchased by the Columbus Life and General Insurance Company, of Columbus, Miss., and made sold by them, on New York, New Orleans, Mobile, Charleston, Augusta, and Nashville, Tenn. W. J. ANDERSON, Secretary. June 2, 1852.

BONSALL & IRON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, COLUMBUS, MI.

HARRISON & MATTHEWS, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI.

WILL practice law in the several counties composing the sixth Judicial District, and the High Court of Errors and Appeals at Jackson. Columbus, Jan. 29, 1851.

LOOK HERE. To the People of the State of Mississippi. OFFER on the best terms, two Taverns situated in the Town of Houston, Miss., good Stables and Wells and considerable Furniture to each house. I will take good paper, negroes or money for a part, on the balance, ample time will be given. If not sold or rented previously to the Spring Term of the Court, your humble servant will be at the old stand. All those indebted to me by note or account, will please call upon A. H. Taylor, or D. H. Lindsay, and settle, as my books have been transferred to Mr. Taylor for the purpose of paying my debts.

The property I offer for sale, will be in the hands of W. S. Featherston, or C. C. Dibley. HENRY McDOWELL. Houston, January 8, 1853. 50x

WATCHES, CLOCKS AND JEWELRY. CAREFULLY repaired, and warranted. Office on Main Street, in the building heretofore occupied by James Blair as a Drug Store. August 28, 1852, 31x

GINS AND MILLS. THE undersigned would most respectfully inform the planters and the public generally, that he is now prepared to furnish them with as good

COTTON GINS as can be had anywhere. He is determined to send out as good Gins as can be had at any other establishment, North or South. And any person who tries one of his Gins, and finds it should not perform equal to any other style of Gins in the country, both in quality and quantity of lint, can set it aside and have another that will, free of cost. He has now in use in this and adjoining counties, a number of his Gins, and for information in relation to them, he would refer you to Dr. Young, Henderson Lee, John Rice, Mr. Bean and others of Lowndes county; John Hollinshead, Dr. Gilley and others of Oktobee Co.

Mr. John Rice, above mentioned, has one of his 35 saw Gins which is making him five bales of good lint per day. John Hollinshead has one of his 45 saw Gins which is making three bales of good lint per day. Further reference is unnecessary—try one of his Gins, and if it does not perform well, send it back and get another until you get one that will.

AS TO HIS MILLS HE HAS NO HESITATION IN SAYING THAT "They are the Best now in Use."

As a proof that he believes what he says, he proposes to give any man a first rate Mill that will produce one equal to his in every respect—or he will give any man a Mill that will produce one that will grind as much good meal in twelve months with as little repairs—or he will give any man a Mill that will find a man that has been using one of his Mills six months and is dissatisfied with it.

GINS, MILLS AND SPINNING MACHINES repaired at shortest notice and in workman like manner. All work warranted, and it is expected that every man who gets work done at his shop will report forthwith any thing that may chance to be wrong, otherwise their complaints will not be listened to at all. N. F. McCRAW, pay day. Columbus, Miss., April 14, 1853. 12x

LEWIS MCQUEEN, JOHN T. FONTAINE, Factors & Commission Merchants, MOBILE.

Liberal advances made on consignments of Cotton, by E. DOWNSING, Agent. February 12th, 1853. 3x

THE HERNDON HOUSE,

By R. & D. C. HERNDON, THE subscribers having purchased the Hotel formerly known as the "Mansion House," have thoroughly refitted and newly furnished the same with an express view to the comfort of permanent boarders and the travelling community generally.

Having spared no expense in making their House a first class Hotel, they respectfully solicit a share of patronage. Their table will always be furnished with the best market affords, and every exertion will be used to render their guests comfortable. All the appliances of the Herndon House will be found neat, and the servants attentive and courteous. Aberdeen, Jan. 29th 1853. 2x

CULLUMS SPRINGS, Choctaw County, Alabama. CHARLES CULLUM, late of the Mansion House, Mobile, having established himself permanently at this place, has made such progress in building and improvements as to be able to announce himself prepared to receive visitors, and hopes that his industry and experience in his profession will deserve a fair share of the public favor.

These SPRINGS are situated about half a mile east of the Bladen Springs. Steamboats ply twice a week between Mobile and Moore's Landing, on the Tombigbee river, where CARRIAGES are always in readiness for passengers.

The Waters have been subjected to a careful analysis by Mr. A. Requin, of New Orleans, who will publish in a few days the exact result. In the meantime, it is ascertained that they are exceedingly rich in bicarbonate of soda, and are unequalled as an alternative medicine. In addition to the Alkaline waters, there is also a strong Chalybeate Spring, and within the past week two new Springs have been discovered, which are believed to possess all the characteristics of the Bladen water.

The proper steps have already been taken to obtain an accurate analysis of these also, and the result will be published as soon as it is known. The Stables, Ten-pin Alley, and other improvements are also completed—all contributing to make these springs more than usually attractive.

CHARLES CULLUM. July 1853. 27-3m.

BOOTS, SHOES, CLOTHING, HATS AND CAPS. GEORGE W. VAN HOOK, HAS just received, from the Manufacture in Connecticut, a fresh supply of Gents', Ladies' and Children's BOOTS & SHOES—the work of which he warrants.

He is also now offering his FINE FRESH STOCK OF HEAVY COATS, at very Low Prices for Cash, or on liberal terms to good and prompt men; those in want of WINTER CLOTHING will find it to their advantage to call and examine.

Also, LEATHER AND FINDINGS. A fine Stock always on hand, of French and American Calf Skins, Lining and Bindings, Skins, Sole Leather and Lasts, Thread, Awls, Hammers, Pincers, Knives, Boot Kit and Pegs, together with every other article in the line—which he offers to his friends and customers at the Very Lowest Price for Cash only. Columbus, Jan. 15th 1853. 1x

DAQUERRIAN GALLERY, (OVER A. THATCHER'S STORE), SOUTH SIDE OF MAIN STREET, COLUMBUS, MISS. Entrance one Door West of Thatcher's.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his old patrons and the public generally, that he has opened his Gallery at the above named place, where, by strict attention to business, he hopes to merit a continuance of the patronage heretofore liberally bestowed.

Pictures taken in the best style of the art, warranted not to fade, and put up in every variety of style, from a finger-ring to a large size case. No Pictures will leave this Gallery but such as are completely finished.

Daguerreotypes, Paintings &c. copied. Likenesses of sick or deceased persons taken at their residence. Pictures of several distinguished characters can be seen at this Gallery.

Visits from Ladies and Gentlemen solicited—rooms fitted up with neatness, and will be open from 9 o'clock A. M., to 6 o'clock P. M.

Hours for children from 11 o'clock A. M., to 2 P. M. Dark or Figured dress most suitable, avoiding light Blue or Pink. Columbus, Miss. Feb'y. 11th, 1853. 2x

ECKFORD & WEAVER, (SUCCESSORS TO WILLIAM ECKFORD), COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No Commerce, North of St. Louis Street, MOBILE-ALA.

JNO. H. ECKFORD, WM. B. WEAVER, F. M. ECKFORD. August 21st, 1852.

LANDRETH'S LAND WARRANTED GARDEN SEEDS. 4000 PACKAGES, Crop of 1852, for sale by JAMES JONES & CO. 41x

B. F. FIELDS, GENERAL AGENT AND COLLECTOR, COLUMBUS, MISS.

Will attend to all business entrusted to his care, with promptness and fidelity. Refer to—J. H. Turner, Jas. M. Wynne, and Charles H. Abert, Columbus, Miss. Nov. 6, 1852. 41x

Columbus and Waverly Weekly Packet, THE FINE, NEW AND FAST RUNNING STEAMER, WILCOX, H. C. BALDWIN, Master, will run for this and the adjoining season as a regular packet as above, leaving Mobile every Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, and Columbus every Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock.

The "WILCOX" has been purchased expressly for this trade and passengers and shippers can rely upon her remaining in it. February 26, 1853. 56m

NEW BOOK AND STATIONARY STORE, Blank Book Manufacture & Power Press Printing, No. 30 St. Francis street, Mobile.

WE would respectfully call your attention to our new stock of BOOKS and STATIONARY, which we are offering at wholesale and retail, at unusually low prices for cash or approved credit.

Your attention is particularly called to the fact that our stock is entirely new. No old editions of books encumber our shelves.

BOOK BINDERY. Our BINDERY is stocked with the best English and American Papers, and we are prepared to rule and manufacture Record, Dockets, Ledgers and Journals in a superior style of Binding, at lower rates than have ever been done in this city. Old Books, Magazines, Music, &c. bound on the shortest notice.

THOMAS S. BIDGOOD & CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Books & Stationary, Blank Book Manufacturers and Printers, No 30 St. Francis street, Mobile.

N. B.—We think it will be to your interest to call and examine our stock and prices, before purchasing elsewhere. April 2, 1853. 10x

REMOVED.

GEORGE FRAZEE

HAS moved his Tailoring Establishment to the Drug Store formerly occupied by James Blair, where he will be happy to see his old friends and customers and all those who may favor him with their patronage.

His stock of French Cloths and Cassimeres is large and good; also Fancy Cassimeres and Vestings, and will be sold or manufactured to order as cheap as can be done anywhere in the South. Also on hand a good assortment of Shirts, Cotton and Woolen Undershirts, Silk and Linen Pocket Handkerchiefs, Black Silk and Fancy Cravats, Gloves, Suspenders, Socks, Umbrellas, &c., &c.

January 15, 1853. 51x

WILLIAM SAYRE & CO., DEALERS IN WESTERN PRODUCE, AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERS, No. 6, Commerce Street, Mobile November 21 1852 45x

WM. B. HAMILTON, (Late of Richmond, Va.) GEORGE H. YOUNG, (Waverly, Louisiana Co., Mo.)

HAMILTON & YOUNG, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, MOBILE, ALA.

Liberal advances made on consignments. Apply to Messrs. Hamilton & Baskerville, Columbus, Miss., or to Geo. H. Young, Waverly, Miss. Dec 4 1852. 45x

Notice. SIGHT and Time Drafts on New York; Drafts on Mobile and New Orleans discounted. Advances on Cotton, by A. SIMPSON & CO. 14x

LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEED JUST received, warranted, crop of 1852. The largest and best assortment ever brought to this place. For sale by JAMES BLAIR. January 1, 1853. 49x

NOTICE. PERSONS requiring the services of an undertaker for their deceased friends or relatives, will be promptly attended to by leaving their orders at my Furniture Store, on Main Street, opposite A. Simpson & Co's. dry goods establishment. I have purchased from I. M. Knapp his interest in the Metallic Burial Cases, and have a full supply on hand of all the different sizes, which I can furnish at one hour's notice.

A new two horse Hearse always in readiness, and on as reasonable terms as any other establishment. J. WOMELSDORFF. March 12, 1853. 71x

N. B.—Please send with the order the name and age of the deceased, and it will be engraved on a plate free of charge.

ATTENTION !!! THE Copartnership heretofore existing in the name of HADEN & READ, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 1st day of January 1853. The name of the firm will be used alone in the liquidation of the business of the concern.

Mr. R. D. HADEN, has in charge the collection of the debts due the firm, and the payment of all demands against it. All persons indebted are respectfully and earnestly solicited to make payment without delay. R. D. HADEN, SAML. D. READ, January 1st, 1853.

Major E. C. EGGLESTON, is the authorized agent in the absence of the undersigned and at all other times, for the collection of the accounts &c. of the late firm of Haden & Read, who will receive and receipt for the same. R. D. HADEN. Columbus, January 1st, 1853.

R. D. HADEN having sold his interest in the above firm to Mr. JOHN L. PARHAM. The Grocery business will be continued at the old stand of Haden & Read, on Market street, in the name of PARHAM, READ & CO. The very liberal patronage heretofore extended to Haden & Read is respectfully solicited for the new firm. R. D. HADEN, SAML. D. READ. Columbus, Feb. 1853. 4-ly.

BOOTS AND SHOES. GEORGE W. VAN HOOK, HAS just received his Spring and Summer supply of BOOTS AND SHOES, consisting in part, of 75 DOZ. Pairs of Ladies Fine Shoes, of every description, together with a complete assortment of Misses and Children's shoes. Also, MEN'S, BOYS' & YOUTH'S BOOTS & SHOES, of every kind and style, making in all, as full and complete a stock as any line, as was ever offered in any retail market. Also, CLOTHING AND HATS. His stock of Clothing and Hats, including every article in the line of Gentleman's Furnishing Goods, is entirely new, fine and complete, and he is now offering them to his friends and customers at very low prices.

Also, a fine and complete Stock of Leather and Findings, Saddles, and Bridles, Saddles, Whips, Trunks, Valises, and Carpet-bags. All of which will be sold on the most liberal terms—especially for cash. Come and examine for yourselves. Columbus, April 30th, 1853. 14x

GASTON & MILLER, Main Street, Columbus, Mississippi.

THE subscribers would inform their friends and the public generally, that they have a New and Splendid assortment of all the various kinds and styles of FURNITURE principally of their OWN MAKE, but if any prefer the cheap NORTHERN WORK, they are prepared to furnish that also at PRICES that cannot fail to suit, as cheap as the cheapest, and as favorable terms as any other establishment, in this part of the country, call and be convinced.

Persons wishing a superior article in this line would do well to give us a call. We order from no second rate manufactory, but the BEST. We believe we can sell them 10 per cent cheaper than they have ever sold in this market.

UNDERTAKING. All orders in this line will be attended to in a very superior style to what has been done heretofore, to have the most Splendid Hearse in the State. METAL BURIAL CASES all sizes, as cheap as good wood Coffins can be furnished. All kinds of wood coffins made to order. February 17th, 1853. 4x

MARYLAND STATE LOTTERIES.

FOR SEPTEMBER, 1853. "THE PAYMENT OF ALL PRIZES IS GUARANTEED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND."

EMORY & CO., 154, Pratt Street, BALTIMORE, MD. (Regular Licensed Agents for Maryland.)

The following Schemes for September will be found especially worth the attention of the public, and orders are most respectfully solicited in them.

HERE THEY GO! A NICE SMALL LOTTERY. \$322,542.

Patapasco 244, for September 12. 1 Prize of \$10,000 is \$10,000 1 " " 5,000 is 5,000 1 " " 3,000 is 3,000

2 Prizes of \$850—2 of 300—2 of 100—10 of 80, &c. Tickets \$3. Shares in proportion. Certificates of Packages of 26 Wholes \$40, Halves \$20, Quarters \$10

\$144,544. Patapasco, 246, for September 14. 1 Prize of \$8,000 is \$8,000 1 " 3,158 is 3,158 1 " 2,000 is 2,000 1 Prize of 1,000 is 1,000

25 of \$150, 25 100 400 Prizes of 40, &c. &c. Tickets \$2 50. Shares in proportion. Certificates of Packages of Wholes \$32, Halves \$16, Quar. \$8.

\$222,542. Grand Consolidated, 24, for Sept. 17. 3 Prizes of \$25,000, 3 Prizes of 6,000, 3 of 4,000. 3 of 2,250, 20 of 1,000—100 of 200—63 of 100, &c. Tickets \$10. Shares in proportion. Certificates of Packages of 25 Wholes 148, Halves 74, Quarters 37.

\$270,100. Bel Air Class 18, for Sept. 20. 1 Prize of \$20,000 is \$20,000 1 " 10,000 is 10,000 1 Prize of \$5,000 is 5,000 20 " " 600 is 12,000 100 of 100, 200 of 75, &c. &c. Certificates of Packages of Wholes \$65, Halves \$32, Quarters \$16.

\$106,506. Patapasco 251, for September 23. 1 Prize of \$6,850 is \$6,850 8 " 1,300 are 10,400 8 " 1,000 are 8,000 103 Prizes of \$200, 40, &c. &c. Tickets \$2. Shares in proportion. Certificate of Package of Wholes \$35, Halves \$17, Quarters \$8.

\$296,696. Bel Air, Class 19, for September 27. 1 Prize of \$24,000 25 Prizes of \$6,000 4 " 4,000 25 " 3,000 8 " 2,000 223 " 115 65 Prizes of \$50, 65 of \$40, 30, 20, &c. &c. Tickets \$5. Shares in proportion. Certificates of Packages cost 26 Wholes \$74 | 26 Halves \$37 26 Quarters 18 | 26 Eighths 94

\$144,544. 1 Prize of \$9,000 is \$9,000 1 " 3,000 is 3,000 1 " 1,500 is 1,500 25 " 60 are 1,500 25 " 40 are 1,000 100 Prizes of \$30, \$400 of \$25, &c. Tickets \$3 50. Shares in proportion. Certificate of Packages cost 26 Wholes \$30 | 26 Halves \$15 26 Quarters 7 |

The Lotteries in Maryland are drawn under authority of the State by Sworn Commissioners elected by the people. One Package in any of the above Lotteries may draw the 4 highest Prizes.

All Lotteries are answered by return mail, and the Official Printed Drawings with a written explanation sent immediately by the result of each.

When convenient send a draft, as most secure. From the very immense number of Prizes sold by us recently, we are fully justified in saying that in order to obtain a Good Prize, it is only necessary to address a line to

EMORY & CO., 154, Pratt St., BALTIMORE, MD. P. O. Box 796.

MORTIMORE'S RHEUMATIC COMPOUND. THIS truly celebrated remedial preparation, efficacious alike for each and every description of Rheumatic Complaints, is already well known and esteemed throughout the United States, to require any lengthy notice of its paramount virtues. It eradicates this heretofore incurable and distressing disease from the system, and stands unrivalled in the pharmacy of medicine.

We do not propose to make unqualified statements, or to force a nostrum before the public, but simply to request those most interested

SUFFERERS THEMSELVES, To procure from the Agent in their vicinity a circular and not only read the testimony of those who have experienced its invaluable curative powers, but to write to, or call upon the convalescents, so that the statements may emanate from the Fountain head—the most reliable and the most incredulous, and one by which the reputation of the Remedy is certain of being sustained. Write also to the proprietors, who will accord every information, and furnish names of undoubted character from every section of the Union, numbering among them some of the most eminent Physicians, Clergymen, Editors and prominent citizens, rendering the reliability and efficacy of the remedy beyond the reach of doubt or distrust.

Mortimore's Rheumatic Compound. Is a Vegetable Extract; an Internal Remedy, prepared expressly for this One Disease; and this it will cure in every form, either Inflammatory (Acute), or Chronic, no matter how long standing.

The above have also for sale, the Great Alternative, Mortimore's Bitter Cordial and Blood Purifier.

This invaluable remedy for every description of Nervous Affection, and for diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, has obtained a popularity wherever introduced, unprecedented in the history of any other medical preparation ever brought before the public. Many of our most eminent Physicians have thoroughly tested its merits, and now prescribe it as the most effective

Alternative & Blood Purifier ever known. Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Palpitation of the Heart—Night Sweats and Affections of the Lungs, will readily yield to the influence of this unrivalled Remedy, physical derangements or irregularities, especially with females producing debility and prostration of the system—may be at once obviated and removed by the use of the

Bitter Cordial and Blood Purifier. Which is a Vegetable Spirit, pleasant to taste, and perfectly safe to be used in any state of health, even by the most delicate female or child. Price \$1 per bottle.

W. V. ALEXANDER & CO., Proprietors. No. 1, Barclay-st. (Astor House, New York. A. N. JONES, (Sole Agent) Columbus, Miss. Sept. 17th, 1853. 34-ly.

Anecdote of John Quincy Adams and Col. Jefferson Davis.

We do not recollect to have seen in print the following illustrative anecdote of John Quincy Adams and Jefferson Davis.

It was the custom of Mr. Adams, during his long term of service in the House of Representatives, to seize upon the very first opportunity to study the character and determine the mental calibre of each new member, and hence, when the new member would rise to make his maiden speech, Mr. Adams would invariably take a seat near enough to hear him distinctly. He would listen attentively for a few moments, and if he discovered the speaker to be a mere man of straw, he would return to his desk, and would never after pay attention to him; if, however, he perceived him to be a man of some mark, he would listen longer; but it took a man of decided mark to fix his attention during the delivery of a whole speech.

When Col. Davis first entered the House, Mr. Adams was somewhat puzzled, as day after day passed and Davis sought no occasion for a display; finally a question of vital interest to the South sprung up, during Davis' temporary absence from his seat. Upon his entrance he discovered the House in the midst of a heated debate. An opportunity offered and he availed himself of it to vindicate our rights in the premises. The speech was evidently an impromptu one, and here was a fair chance for Adams to dissect his subject, and he did not fail to do so. He was seen, according to his custom, to draw near the speaker; his eye riveted upon him; gradually, as Davis warmed with the subject and his clear musical voice rang throughout every nook and corner of the spacious hall, imposing silence upon and catching the attention of the whole house, Mr. Adams was observed to draw involuntarily closer and closer to the speaker, so that at the close of his speech, he was sitting in the seat next to him! It was difficult to say which interested the old members most, the conduct of Mr. Adams or the eloquence of the orator. A higher and more pointed, and at the same time a more delicate and involuntary compliment, was never paid to a speaker. From that moment to the day of his death, Mr. Adams ever held Col. Davis in the very highest esteem, notwithstanding the wide difference in their politics.—Vicksburg Sentinel.

An Old Gentleman's Second Marriage.

Col. Baxter's nuptials! We—the whole regiment—turned out in full dress to witness their celebration. Even Mrs. Brill went to the expense of a white satin slip and a bonnet trimmed with orange blossoms for the occasion. (Brill had been appointed Brigade-Major of the Division.) The Col. looked about 40 years of age. The bride was certainly a very pretty girl. Major Green gave her away. I wished Mrs. Brill had stayed at home, for her mind was always running on matters of business, and she made me laugh in the church, close to the latter, by saying seriously in a whisper—

"She'll come nicely on the fund, cornet, as a Colonel's widow, if anything happens to old Baxter. It's a fraud! He ought to be ashamed of himself! I wish the old woman's ghost would walk in just now, and see what was the use of her saving and pinching as she did. This young woman will spend it all you know. I should like to catch Brill making such a fool of himself after I was dead and gone, and ducks and drakes of it. I have scraped together. When I'm dying I'll burn every bit of Company's paper, or tear it in little bits, and throw it into the chicken's broth. I shall call for on purpose; and then, if Brill likes to marry again, let him. It will be quite optional."

"Hush," said I. "The parson is looking at you."

"Well let him look, the pasty faced man," said Mrs. Brill. "I think he might have put on a clean what-you-may-call-it, surplus"—she meant a surplice—"although it is a dirty business he is engaged in—marrying an old painted man to a mere child. There were we pitying old Baxter not long ago, when the old lady died; and now you see there are all the cornets envying him. The world is full of hypocrisy and humbug. What can that young girl care about that old thing? It is not in human nature. She wants to be Mrs. Col. Baxter, and have a carriage and pair and all the rest of it."

"So long as ye both shall live," said the clergyman, concluding the vow.

"I will," said the Colonel.

"I will!" echoed Mrs. Brill in a loud whisper. "Why his three score and ten is up already—so that his promissory note is overdue before he makes it."

I could contain myself no longer. My wife, who was leaning on my arm, gave me a look expressive of extreme disgust; but it did not reduce me to gravity.

"For richer and poorer." When the old Col. came to these words, Mrs. Brill whispered to me: "He'll be poorer pretty soon, I warrant. Give thee my troth!" she repeated after the Col. "Bring her on the fund and give her a pension! I say it's a fraud!"

"With this ring I wed thee," old Col. Baxter repeated after the clergyman.

"With this fiddlestick!" whispered Mrs. Brill, carrying on her commentary loud enough for me to hear her. "I have no patience with an old man who paints his cheeks, and dyes his hair, and comes to church clothed in such abominable falsehood."

"Yea, and thou shalt see thy children's children," said the minister.

"Children's children, indeed! Now the very idea," said Mrs. Brill.

"You had better leave the church, Robert," whispered my wife, "if you cannot behave yourself."

Mrs. Brill heard her and replied, "He had better stay where he is. You wouldn't have him cry, would you?"

"Hush!" said I, in an agony of fear lest Mrs. Brill should come to words with my wife, and interrupt the ceremony.

"Spot or wrinkle, or any such thing." When the minister came to these words, Mrs. Brill was indignant.

"Spot or wrinkle!" she repeated. "He has filled up all the wrinkles with white paint and putty! I could have picked it out with my pen-knife. The old man is a walking fraud! I've no patience with him; and I will say so at the breakfast. Brill is on the staff, and can no longer be bullied by a ragmuffin or a commanding officer."

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My wife, when we came out of church, begged of me not to sit near Mrs. Brill at the breakfast table. But of what avail was my promise, since Mrs. Brill was determined to sit next to me.

"Robert there is room for you here," said my wife when we were about to be seated, and she pointed to a vacant chair.